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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PROCESS FOR FINDING OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCES FOR NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHODS
Inventor: Thomas WEIMER

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 21 pages, including 1 independent claim, 25 claims total (as amended) and 3 pages of Sequence Listing.
2. Sequence Listing - 1 diskette.
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to AVENTIS BEHRING GMBH.

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7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
8. Certified Copies of German Patent Application Nos.100 18 901.6, filed on April 14, 2000 and 100 24 830.6, filed on May 19, 2000.
9. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Filing Fee Calculations

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Basic Application Filing Fee	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	25	-	20	5	x \$18	\$90.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3		x \$80	
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10. A check for \$840.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$710.00 filing fee;
\$90.00 extra claims fee; and
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on German Patent Application Nos.100 18 901.6, filed on April 14, 2000 and 100 24 830.6, filed on May 19, 2000.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,
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